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January 8, 2016

Mr. Bob Wyatt
Chairman, Lower Willamette Group
c/o Northwest Natural
220 Northwest Second Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240
Conditional Approval of the Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report dated June 12, 2015

Dear Mr. Wyatt;

EPA has completed its review of the draft final Remedial Investigation (RI) report submitted to EPA on June 12, 2015. This document incorporated EPA's directed revisions provided to the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) on April 27, 2015. By email from Kristine Koch on June 2, 2015, EPA provided the LWG revised executive summary language. EPA has further considered the redline changes provided by the LWG in the June 12 submittal and the attachments reflect EPA's acceptance or rejection of those modifications.

EPA approves the RI report as final on condition that the additional modifications and comments attached (Attachment 1) to this letter are incorporated into the final report. As outlined in Section VII, paragraph 4.E of the Administrative Order on Consent, a final hard-copy version of the RI report is due to EPA 30 days from the date of this letter, which EPA has calculated to be February 8, 2018.

Finalizing the RI report is a significant milestone for the Portland Harbor RI/FS. EPA appreciates the LWG's significant efforts and collaboration in developing this final report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kristine Koch at (206) 553-6705, or koch.kristine@epa.gov. All legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115, or cora.lori@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


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